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Royal Commission on Opium Answers

- 1) Opium is commonly consumed by Chinese - including occasional consumers
- 2) ~~with~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{the} Chinese Population (Males) are consumers. Neither women nor children use opium
- 3) Moderate smoking has no evil effects morally, physically, or socially. Excessive indulgence (amounting to the proportion of 1 in 5000 of the male population) causes physical & social evils.
- 4) Consumers smoke Opium
- 5) The vast majority of smokers are moderate consumers. Slaves to the drug are rare
- 6) Moderation in Opium Smoking is the rule. I have known Opium smokers who have taken Opium in moderation for 25 & 30 years, respectively who are careful & intelligent men of business
- 7) All classes in China consume Opium just as all classes in Europe consume tobacco.
- 8) The evils of alcohol amongst the Chinese are confined chiefly to the wealthier classes.
- 9) The Chinese regard the consumption of alcohol with abhorrence; the consumption of Opium with indifference
- 10) Opium consumers are not more difficult to wean from

Opium than are consumers of tobacco
to break themselves of the habit.

11.) The consumers would obtain Opium
elsewhere immediately were the supply
from India cut off.

12.) The loss of the Opium revenue to this
colony would cause immediate financial
difficulties, but in a few years the revenue
would be adapted to the want.

13.) Opium is taken to by 40 per cent
of the consumers to allay the following
diseases: - Malaria, asthma
& chronic Bronchitis.

14.) Europeans do not take to Opium
smoking. Tobacco supply to Europeans
what Opium does to Chinese

15.) Opium consumers themselves
seldom desire to get rid of the habit.

16.) There is no feeling of hostility
against Britain for allowing
Opium to be exported from India.

17.) Were the Chinese as a people under
the belief that Opium was sapping
the manhood of the people of the
Empire, it would be stopped at
once, by rigid punishment in
a manner which the Chinese
better know, than any other people,
how to carry out.

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